

\$1,706. It is time for this statute to be repealed and to be removed from the statutes and I would move for its advancement, Mr. Speaker.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Rod Johnson.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President and members, I would like to ask a question of Senator Goll.

SENATOR CARSTEN: Senator Goll, will you respond.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Senator Goll, I have had an opportunity to work very closely with many Vietnam veterans on different projects. I guess I am concerned about the repeal of this particular statute, but are there are other programs available for Vietnam veterans or veterans in general for educational opportunities?

SENATOR GOLL: Well, Senator Johnson, I couldn't tell you. I am only responding on this particular one. It was indicated to us by the department that they have got money in the agency to handle the small loans should they come during this interim when the statute is still in effect, but there has been a considerable drop in the activity. For example, in '82 there were 47, in '83 there were 30, in '84, 17, and now we are down to 5 and it was...funding was eliminated during our special session last year. Now we are removing the statute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Okay, so there is absolutely no funding there available irregardless if we pass this bill or not. It is simply changing the statute to reflect the will of the body during the special session?

SENATOR GOLL: That is right, there is no funding. There are no funds appropriated after the special session. There are no funds appropriated in our present appropriations mainline budget so this will just remove the authorization from the statute.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Thank you, Senator Goll. I didn't mean to catch you off guard with my question but, as I said, I have had a distinct pleasure to work with several Vietnam veteran groups specifically operating in central Nebraska, which I represent, and I guess I sympathize with a lot of the problems that many of these gentlemen have had since